

IN RECOGNITION OF “NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2003”

WHEREAS, The nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative health care; and

WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, That more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2003 to be “NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2003” in Augusta, Georgia and encourage the citizens to celebrate registered nurse’s accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2003.